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Dear Mr. Berner,

This is in response to your communication received 29 March 2007 requesting the status of the U.S. national stage application of international application no. PCT/EP04/53523. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records appear to show that U.S. application 10/583,356 is currently undergoing pre-examination processing. The records further indicate that a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed on 09 April 2007, requested that applicants submit an English translation of the application, an oath or declaration, the surcharge for late filing of the English translation (\$130) and the surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration (\$130). Upon fulfilling the above-mentioned requirements, the Filing Receipt will be mailed with the Notice of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903).

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